

New England Greenkeepers Hold Turf Disease Clinic

RESULTS of various turf disease experiments at the R.I. Experiment Station, and how New England courses fared against these diseases was the topic of discussion at the December meeting of the Greenkeepers Club of New England, held Dec. 6 at the Waltham Field Station, Waltham, Mass. Principal speakers were L. E. Erwin and Dr. J. E. DeFrance of Rhode Island State College.

Erwin reported that different mercurials are being tried for the control of *large brown-patch*. The experiments were begun June 21, with treatments every ten days thereafter, some ten applications per season, at rate of two ounces per 1,000 sq. ft. Control was also tried by treating when temperatures during the night had had a 68 degree or more minimum. *Dollar-spot* showed up on many courses during the past season, appearing the last week in May, and also late in October and early November. Same mercurial treatment as in brown-patch was used in fighting dollar-spot.

Snowmold gave little trouble at Kingston, except on Seaside bent, where mercury treatments gave control. *Pink patch* (spots like dollar-spot), showed up in all New England states, during May and June, but was controlled by almost any of the mercury compounds. It usually does not kill roots. *Algae* (black scum) hit hard last season. Controlled by raking both ways to give the air a chance to get down into the soil. *Sun scald* was troublesome on many courses last season, but little is known about it.

Dr. DeFrance told of his trip last summer to the 4th International Grasslands Congress, held in England. He also visited courses and observed growing of turf in Wales, Scotland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Germany and France.

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